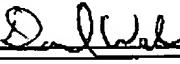


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Invention: Semiconductor Device and Method for Its Manufacture						
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